(e) whether it is also a fact that. the drug industry is giving costly gifts to trade and medical profession apart from attractive free schemes? and

(f) what is the reaction of his ' Ministry to such practices and to fancy packings in the area of medicines ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) All the aspects connected with the review of the policy would be studied at length before taking decisions.

(e) and (f) Manufacturers meet such type of expenses out of MAPE allowed under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. In order to prevent cost of fancy packings being loaded on the formulation prices, packing material costs are restricted to the actuals or the ceilings which ever is lower.

Availability of Flucort range formulations at fair prices

2883. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 880 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reduced prides of Flucort range of formulations have not been implemented even uptil now;

(b) whether it is a fact that Flucort range of formulations are being sold at old prices which are more than double and consumer is being overcharged.

(c) when the last batches with old price were manufactured and what was the quantity of each pack and strength manufactured and also when the reduced price batches were manufactured and what is the quantity of each; and

(d) when these formulations will be available at fair prices ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) As already answered in reply to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Questton No. 880 answered on 13-8-90 that according to the company the price fixed by the Govt, in respect of Flucort range of formulations has been brought into effect on all such batches which has been manufactured immediately after receipt of price fixation order. However, if any instance of overcharging comes to the notice of the Government, action as per due process of law would be taken against the company.

(c) No; Sir. However, it would be ensured that the complete exercise is done within minimum possible time.

(d) and (e) A number of representations have been received against wrong exclusion of certain bulk drugs from price control. 26 such bulk have already been brought under price control. The Standing Committee is looking into other cases.

Proposal to provide adequate number of helicopters to ONGC

2884. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to equip ONGC with adequate number-